

In 2007, Congress passed into law the College Cost Reduction and Access Act. A number of the Act's provisions affecting federal loans and millions of Americans go into effect July 1, 2009.

- Interest rates on subsidized federal student loans will drop from 6% to 5.6%.
- Monthly loan payments will be capped at 15% of the borrower's discretionary income under the new Income-Based Repayment program. This program will also provide debt forgiveness after 25 years.
- Pell Grant maximum scholarship awards will increase by more than \$600 for the 2009-2010 school year.

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